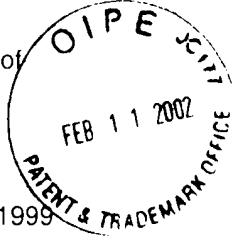


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116
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In re Patent Application of
BULLEID
Serial No. 09/380,377
Filed: September 16, 1999
Title: PROCOLLAGEN ASSEMBLY



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Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number		
Previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	\$ 18.00
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this Paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months)				
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, in the above matter, a Notice of Appeal having been filed September 10, 2001, and the period for response having been extended up to February 10, 2002, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-11, 13-25 and 28-30 without prejudice and add the following new claims in lieu thereof.

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